bonus etc. payable under the rules. No recruitment has been made by NPCC to those categories of staff in which retrenchment has taken place.

Contracts awarded by NPCC

3480. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPCC, a public Sector Corporation under the Ministry of Energy has turned into a brokerage agency in deviation of the objectives as a premier construction corporation and that big Government contracts are given to the private contractors on a commission basis;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many contracts (with names of the projects) given to the NPCC have been awarded by the NPCC to private contractors on commission basis stating the cost of the project involved and the commission earned by NPCC in each case; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard to its transformation into a brokerage agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No works are being allotted by NPCC to the private contractors on commission basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Formulations based on Thiamine Mononitrate

3481. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3167 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of finished medicines based on Thiamine Mononitrate and Thiamine Hcl have gone up substantially;

(b) what was the earlier price before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price and what is the percentage increase in each case;

(c) what is the justification for the formulators to increase the prices of finished medicines when the prices of bulk Thiamine Mononitrate and Thiamine Hcl have not been increased;

(d) what is the reason given in the break-up by these formulators to his Ministry before increasing the prices; and..

(e) what are the brand names of three major selling medicines based on single ingredient as well as combination of each of these drugs alongwith the annual turn-over during 1986 as per ORG?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required details to the extent available, are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Company	Pack size	Earlier price (Rs)	Revised price (Rs.)	% age change
1.	Berin Tablets	Glindia	500's	155.67	211 97	36 20
2	Berin Inj. 100mg.	Do.	5x10ml	6.07	9 49	56 30

(c) and (d) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987 and guidelines issued thereon manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to revise the price.

(e) Sales turn-over is not monitored.

Production of Sulphamoxole

3482. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2228 given the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sulphamoxole has only two producers and Diphenahydramine has only three producers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the turn-over of each of these two drugs is more than 50 lakhs;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is subscribing for ORG;

(d) if so, what was the turn-over of each drug during 1986;

(e) whether it is a fact that both these drugs do not fulfil any excluding criteria;

(f) whether it is also a fact that a single company is enjoying monopoly of formulations based on each of these drugs; and

(g) what are the names of the leaders and the followers of finished medicines of each drug and what is the market share of each of the total market of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) In the organised sector Sulphamoxole is being produced by M/s. German Remedies and M/s. Cipla and Diphenhyramine Hcl by M/s. Park-Davis and M/s. Unichem Labs.

(b) to (g) This Ministry is subscribing to Retail Store Audit Report to ORG. But this report provides only all India estimates of sales of pharmaceuticals through the trade channel covering selected number of companies and these estimates are based on purchase records maintained by a selected number of chemists spread out all over India. The sales estimates given in this represent the purchases made by chemists alone. Off take of pharmaceuticals by non-chemists is not covered in this report.

Prices of Formulations

3483. SHRI BEKUL UTSAHI:

SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Post, Bombay' the 12th March, 1988 under the heading "18 Drugs firms hike prices of 218 formulations";

(b) if so, the names of the price decontrolled formulations, earlier price, increased price and percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of producers of bulk drugs have also substantially increased the prices of price decontrolled bulk drugs;

(d) if so, what was the earlier price, the present increased price and percentage increase in each case;

(e) whether all these drugs and formulations were under price control under DPCO, 1979; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons for decontrolling the prices of these bulk drugs and formulations in each case?